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DIST 31 JULY 1968

COUNTRY: MEXICO

DOI: 31 JULY 1968

SUBJECT: MEXICO CITY SITREP

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SOURCE:

1. DURING THE MORNING OF 31 JULY 1968 NO INCIDENTS OF ANY CONSEQUENCE INVOLVING STUDENTS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED. AROUND NOON, UNITS OF POLICE, INCLUDING RIOT SQUADS, WERE BEING DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE CITY, BUT THESE COULD HAVE BEEN ROUTINE. AT THE SAME TIME, REMAINING ELEMENTS OF ARMY TROOPS WERE BEING REMOVED FROM SOME OF THE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS.

2. A STUDENT MEETING AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM), WHICH BEGAN AT 1100 HOURS WAS STILL IN PROCESS AT 1300 HOURS

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WITH APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED PARTICIPANTS. UNAM
RECTO, JAVIER BARROS SIERRA, ADDRESSED THE GROUP STATING
THAT FOR THE PAST FORTY YEARS THERE HAD BEEN NO VIOLATION OF
UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY UNTIL THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. FOR THIS
REASON, HE SAID, HE HIMSELF WILL LEAD A MARCH OUTSIDE THE
UNIVERSITY GROUNDS BEGINNING AT 1700 HOURS ON 1 AUGUST

3. A "STRATEGY COMMITTEE", UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA. IS OF THE OPINION
THAT THE CURRENT WAVE OF STUDENT DISTURBANCES HAS BEEN
BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL,. FURTHER PROTEST, PRINCIPALLY IN
THE FORM OF WRITTEN MANIFESTOS, OPEN LETTERS, LEAFLETS, ETC.,
AND SPONSORED BY COMMUNIST ELEMENTS, ARE ANTICIPATED,
BUT NO FURTHER SERIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE EXPECTED.

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